

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

The Blizzard of 2011 brought much of Chicagoland to its knees, but our beautiful Village weathered the storm well as the result of the hard work of our Public Works department as well as the neighborly spirit of our residents. Our Village trucks were out right at the start of the storm Tuesday afternoon, preparing the streets for the onslaught to come. When our family on Osceola Trail went out to find our snow blower not working, our kind neighbors stepped right in with their snow blowers and plows to help clear our driveway. After he finished helping me, he went next door and continued on helping with the snow. This record storm once again demonstrated the friendliness and neighborly spirit that exists throughout the Village.

We have all heard about our Village's budget woes. Despite this, our Village's snow removal efforts compared favorably to those of our neighboring Villages. Indian Head Park's streets appeared to be more passable and unobstructed than those of our neighbors to the north, south and west. While some snow piles are inevitable, the Village does its best to keep the residents' driveways and mailboxes minimally obstructed.

Speaking of mailboxes, it is a good idea for residents to confirm, after a large snowfall, that their street side mailbox is accessible to the postal carrier's truck. Some residents experienced a delay in receiving mail due to a postal carrier's inability to access the mailbox from the truck. So much for the "snow" part of "neither rain, sleet, or hail...nothing stops the U.S. Mail."

As our 22 inches of snow cover melts in the warming temperatures, remember that the signs of spring are not far away. We have noticed a few robins already in our yard, and soon enough the crocus and daffodils will poke their green leaves up from the ground, and Village residents will read about the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. In the meantime, enjoy the winter beauty of our lovely Village!

Finally, Mayor Andrews and the Village Board of Trustees on behalf of all Indian Head Park residents wish to convey our condolences and sympathy to the family of John G. Kilker, who recently passed away at the age of 91. John was one of the original founders and long time resident of Indian Head Park. John and his wife Evelyn have lived in the area since 1949, 10 years before the Village was officially incorporated as a Village. They built one of the twenty-five homes

that originally sat on the golf course. At that time, the Village received their water from the golf course. John became interested in the quality of water and was quickly drafted to oversee the quality and distribution of water. As the Village expanded to include 50 houses, water meters were installed and John read the meters, his wife did the book work and together they hand delivered the bills to residents. John also helped plow the Village streets during that time period and was a part of the police force that patrolled the streets. As the Village grew in size, residents voted to create a Police Department and hire policemen and staff. John was also a Veteran of WWII who served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and he was a graduate of Marquette University. Many thanks to the Kilkers and our early residents who did a fantastic job!

Sincerely,
Trustee Brian Bailey

Aging Care Connections Income Tax Assistance Program

Aging Care Connections has announced that experienced, AARP-trained tax volunteers will be available at 111 W. Harris Avenue, La Grange, by appointment for those aged 60+ who would like assistance preparing their income tax returns. To schedule an appointment, which is required, please call (708) 354-1323. Appointments will be scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings through April 15. The following documents must be brought to the appointment: last year's federal and state returns; all federal and state tax forms and booklets; all records of interest, dividends, pensions, Social Security, and retirement annuities; and property tax bills. Referral to a professional tax consultant may be made, if the volunteer determines this is necessary. Aging Care Connections is a non-profit organization which is the connection to the most comprehensive, expert information, programs and services enabling older adults to remain independent and their families to make the best, most informed decisions regarding needed care in their lives. To learn more about programs offered by Aging Care Connections, please visit www.agingcareconnections.org.

Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:

Thursday, March 10, 2011
Thursday, April 14, 2011

Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Fire/Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:

Thursday, March 3, 2011

E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:

Thursday, March 17, 2011

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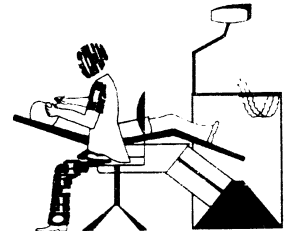
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A Message from the Executive Director of Aging Care Connections

The year 2011 holds very special meaning for our organization. As we begin the New Year, we will also begin the celebration of Aging Care Connections – 40 years of excellence.

What a milestone for our agency, the community and the older adults who have accepted us and what we have to offer into their lives. I could not be prouder of this milestone and invite all of you who have been part of our story over the past 40 years to join with us in celebrating aging, celebrating this fine resource which is part of the fabric of this community, and celebrating you. In 1971, a group of committed community members came together as a result of a community needs assessment to found **Southwest Suburban Council on Aging** in response to the growing number of older persons relocating from Chicago to the near west suburbs. As the years went by and our program offerings increased, we became known as **Southwest Suburban Center on Aging** and continued doing business as such for many years. As you are aware, in 2009 we changed our name to Aging Care Connections to better identify the work we do and prepare for our role in the community over the next 40 years.

Throughout our history, we have demonstrated unwavering commitment to our mission of *enriching the quality of life of older adults and their families through a range of programs and services that enhance their well-being and independence*. For 40 years, Aging Care Connections has been the connection to the most comprehensive, expert information, programs and services enabling older adults to remain independent and their families to make the best, most informed decisions regarding needed care in their lives. Although the face of these programs and services may have changed over the years to meet changing needs, Aging Care Connections continues as the premier, aging resource expert and the point of entry for aging services in our community. The historical timeline highlights the many milestones achieved over the past 40 years. In it you will see the many faces of Aging Care Connections past, present and future. We thank you for

being a part of our successes and look to you for your help and support in continuing to be **your source for senior care**. Please join us in making 2011 the year of Aging Care Connections!

Congratulations to Kristen Conrath of Indian Head Park who was named to the dean's list at the University of Notre Dame in her first year of studies for outstanding scholarship during the Fall 2010 semester. Students who achieve dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

Lenore Halac, an Indian Head Park resident is President of the Pleasantdale Garden Club. The garden club will be meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Pleasantdale Park District located at 7425 S. Wolf Road in Burr Ridge. Members are hosting a White Elephant Auction to raise money for their scholarship fund. For further details, please call Alison Koehler at (630) 662-8061.

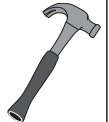
Henry French and his wife Florence, residents of Indian Head Park for fifty-two years, would like to personally thank their neighbors Steve Warf and his sons Taylor and Cole for their help during the last snowstorm. They appreciated the help from good neighbors to clear the 20 plus inches of snow that fell.

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